



SAP

Locations: Pennsylvania (HQ)

Industries: Accounting Payroll & HR Services, CRM & Project

Management, Software and Services



DESCRIPTION:

By complying with Human Rights Campaign's controversial demands, SAP increases the risk of dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. The company covers transgender-related medical costs for its employees and their children and provides specific sexual orientation and gender identity-based benefits. It also uses sex and gender ideology criteria in employee recruitment, vendor selection, marketing, and philanthropic support. SAP forces employees to undergo multiple ideological trainings and uses its reputation, corporate funds, and political influence to support controversial sex and gender ideologies, organizations, and legislation. SAP has not publicly terminated business relationships based on views or beliefs. SAP provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children. The company does not discriminate against religious organizations in its charitable giving guidelines but does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees. The company is a sponsor of Out and Equal and a signatory of the Business Roundtable's 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism. SAP opposed various state and local legislation intended to protect parental rights, girls' sports, bathroom facilities, and gendered spaces. However, it does not use its political contributions to advance ideological causes. For these reasons, SAP receives a High Risk rating.

Corporate Weaponization

Has denied service to customers, suppliers, or vendors due to their political views or religious Medium Risk beliefs OR corporately boycotts, divests, or sanctions regions, people groups, or industries.

SAP has not publicly fired customers, suppliers, or vendors based on political views or religious beliefs. The company received a score of X on the 2023 Corporate Equality Index (CEI) from the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), a political stakeholder group. The company recruits employees based on sexual identity issues. The company discriminates against vendors that do not promote divisive sex and gender policies, indicating it prioritizes sexual issues over merit (1)(2).

Charitable giving (including employee matching programs) policies or practices discriminate

High Risk against charitable organizations based on views or religious beliefs.

SAP's HRC CEI rating indicates the company will not donate to non-religious charities unless they embrace controversial sexual identity policies (1)(2). SAP does not discriminate against religious organizations in its charitable giving (3)(4).



Employment policies fail to protect against discrimination based on political affiliation/views and/or religion.

High Risk

SAP's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company forces employees to attend multiple, controversial trainings on gender identity, sexual orientation, transgender issues, and divisive racial ideology. The company provides gender transition guidelines for its employees and specific benefits guide with a comprehensive explanation of transgender services funded by the company (1)(2). SAP does not provide viewpoint protections for its employees (3).

Corporate Governance and Public Policy

Uses corporate reputation to support ideological causes and/or organizations hostile to freedom High Risk of expression.

SAP has advocated for the Equality Act and was part of the Freedom for All Americans coalition, which advocated for federal legislation that would overrule state laws designed to protect girls' sports and similar laws (1)(23). The company opposed the Florida Parental Rights in Education Act, which would prohibit teaching gender identity and sexual orientation to kids in K-3rd grade (4). SAP's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company agrees to allow a controversial stakeholder group focused on sexual identity issues to dictate marketing or advertising strategy (5)(6). By doing so, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. CEO Christian Klein is a member of the Business Roundtable and Former CEO Bill McDermott signed its 2019 Statement on the Purpose of Corporation, which promotes stakeholder capitalism over traditional obligations to shareholders and customers (7)(8). SAP has advocated for LGBT causes through blog posts on its website (9)(10).

Uses corporate funds to advance ideological causes, organizations, or policies hostile to freedom High Risk of expression.

SAP provides a benefits package for employees which covers travel/lodging costs for an abortion and transgender medical procedures for covered employees and dependents, including children (1)(2)(3)(4). SAP's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company covers transgender related costs for its employees and their children, including paid short-term leave, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, chest surgeries, genital surgeries, medical visits and lab monitoring, travel and lodging. Additionally, the company has pledged philanthropic support of at least one organization or event that promotes sex and gender ideology (5)(6). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company increases health care costs and risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders.7).

Uses corporate political contributions for ideological, non-business purposes.

High Risk

SAP's HRC 2023 CEI rating indicates the company publicly advocated for controversial sex and gender ideology through local, state or federal legislation or initiatives (1)(2). By allowing a political stakeholder group to dictate operations, the company risks dividing employees, alienating customers and harming shareholders. SAP has not used its political contributions for ideological purposes(3)(4)(5)(6).

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